Electrification of Ernakulam-Trivandrum rail line

1407. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the electrification of Ernakulam-Trivandrum rail line stands at present;

(b) by when it is likely to be commenced and completed;

(c) the estimated amount for completing the electrical works; and

(d) the extent of traction under Trivandrum Division to be electrified and the places connected therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Requisite clearances have been obtained and detailed estimate is under process.

(b) Work is targeted to be completed by March, 2004, subject to availability of funds.

(c) The estimated cost is Rs. 147.87 crores.

(d) Out of total 624 Broad Gauge route kilometres in Trivandrum Division, 106 route kilometres from Shoranur to Ernakulam are already electrified 320 route kilometres from Ernakulam to Trivandurm *via* Alleppey/Kottayam as well as *via* Kayankulam & Quilon falling under Trivandrum Division are to be electrified under Ernakulam-Trivandrum electrification work.

Computerised rail reservation facility

†1408. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of stations at which computerised reservation facility has been provided and the names of stations for which return ticket and reservation can be provided from Delhi, through computers;

(b) the names of stations where these facilities are likely to be provided in this financial year;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether the railways have any scheme regarding computerised booking for the next few years; and

(d) the number of complaints received regarding computerised reservation particularly during the holidays/peak period, togetherwith the activities of touts in the important cities, and the details of remedial measures taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) As on 31.10.2000, computerised reservation facilities are operating at 565 locations on Indian Railways. The list of the locations is enclosed as Annexure. [*See* Appendix 191, Annexure No. 20] All computerised reservation terminals are working in networking configuration thereby making onward/ return reservation facility feasible from any counter on the PRS network.

(b) Computerised reservation facilities have already been opened at 32 stations in the current financial year by 31.10.2000. The list of the locations is enclosed as Statement-I (*See* below). Provision of PRS facilities have been sanctioned at 83 location in the Annual Budget 2000-01 Most of these locations are likely to be commissioned by 31.3.2001. The list of the location is enclosed as Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir. Provision of computerised reservation facilities is an ongoing process and more and morel locations are covered depending upon the demand and feasibility.

(d) During holiday/peak rush periods of the year 2000, about 159 complaints relating computerised reservation system were received by the Railways and were dealt with promptly.

Frequent checks are conducted by the Railways in association with Police to combat the menace of touts in and around reservation offices. These checks are regularly monitored at various levels. During the period from April to September 2000, 13,643 checks against activities of touts were conducted over the Indian Railways and 1,614 touts apprehended, out of which, 1,596 were prosecuted. Railway staff found conniving with touts are also taken up under disciplinary rules.

Statement-I

List of PRS location commissioned in the current financial year as on 31.10.2000

S.No.	Location	S. No.	Location
	Central Railway	17.	Dharmapuri
1.	Maihar	18.	Ernakulam Town
	Eastern Railway	**South Central Railway**	
2.	Dimond Harbour	19.	Bijapur
3.	Rajender Nagar (Patna)	20.	Satara
4.	Hazari Bagh	21.	Godavari
5.	Russa Road	22.	Tadepalligudem
6.	Dum Dum Airport	**South Eastern Railway**	
	Northern Railway	23.	Sakchi Area (Sat Tatanagar)
7.	Sirhind	24.	Telco (Tatanagar)
	North Eastern Railway	25.	Contai
8.	Sitamarhi	26.	Srikakulam Raod
	Northeast Frontier Railway	**Western Railway**	
9.	Raiganj	27.	Pali
10.	Balurghat	28.	Sardargram
11.	Jalpaiguri Road	29.	Dewas
12.	Jorhat	30.	Sawaimadhopur
13.	Darjeeling	31.	Mehsana
14.	New Alipurduar	**Konkan Railway**	
15.	Cooch Behar	32.	Thivim
	Southern Railway		
16.	Mavelikara		

Statement-II

List of Locations of PRS facilities

S. No.	Location	S. No.	Location
	Central Railway		**Eastern Railway**
1.	Navy Nagar, Collaba	1.	Bongaon
2.	Byculla	2.	Dakshineswar
3.	Belapur	3.	Nabadwip Dham
4.	Daund	4.	Russa Road CBO Hazaria*
5.	Kopargaon	5.	MG Road CBO
6.	Guna	6.	Daltonganj
7.	Vidisha	7.	West Bengal Assembly
8.	Lalitpur	8.	Dum-Dum Airport
9.	Pipariya	9.	Singrauli
10.	Maharastra Assembly	10.	Hazari Bagh*
11.	Yavatmal	11.	Chopan
	Northern Railway		**North Eastern Railway**
1.	Hamirpur	1.	Gomti Nagar
2.	Joshimath	2.	Lakhimpur
3.	Shamli	3.	Khalilabad
4.	Mohali	4.	Sitamarhi
5.	Hardoi	5.	Belthra Road
6.	Nazibabad	6.	Balrampur
7.	Dasuya	7.	Kasganj
8.	Karnal	8.	Betia
9.	Kurukshetra		
10.	Meerut Cantt.		
11.	U.P. Vidhan Sabha		
12.	Fatehpur		
13.	Bhadohi		
14.	Jalore		
15.	Rajpura		
16.	Gopinath Bazar		
17.	Sena Bhawan		

*Locations already commissioned.

S. No.	Location	S. No.	Location
	Northeast Frontier Railway		**Southern Railway**
1.	Raiganj *	1.	Jayanagar (SBC-Sat)
2.	Cooch Behar *	2.	Tirunagar (MDU-Sat)
3.	New Alipurduar*	3.	Tirupanithura (ERS-Sat)
		4.	Kayankulam
		5.	Chengulpet
		6.	Ambur
		7.	Kovilpatti
		8.	Chalakudi
		9.	Coonoor
		10.	Kuppam
		11.	Palani
	South Central Railway		**Southern Eastern Railway**
1.	Parli	1.	Rajnandgoan
2.	Nandyal	2.	Chas Bokaro
3.	Bijapur*	3.	Titlagarh
4.	Tadepalligudem*	4.	Hirakud
5.	Godavari Station*	5.	Srikakulam*
6.	Tandur	6.	Rayagada
7.	Satara*	7.	Paradeep
		8.	Bhilai Town Ship
		9.	Uluberia
		10.	Contai*
		11.	Palasa
	Western Railway		
1.	Sirohi Read		
2.	Rani		
3.	Mandasor		
4.	Bairagarh		

*Locations already commissioned.